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Comments: If we are given only two choices, I prefer alternative #2. As an avid human-powered wilderness explorer, I believe that commercial helicopter operations detract from the aesthetic of why we go into the wild. Heli-ski operations can also compromise safety when skiers are dropped on top of other users. Units 10, 11, and 12 are regularly accessed by day and multi-day human-powered users. Units 10, 11, and 12 are also prime habitat for mountain goat. Helicopters can reach much further and therefore should not be allowed in units 10, 11, and 12 to avoid conflict with humans and goat.

That being said, I am very disappointed that we are given only two options. I believe that ALL of units 10, 11, and 12 should be eliminated from commercial helicopter operations, as well as ALL of the Power Creek watershed which includes our only non-motorized area. Flight paths should also be limited to avoid unnecessary noise to both humans and goats.